

On behalf of all Nepali-speaking Christian churches and Christians, the Nepal National Church and the Nepalese Christian Society

Joint press release

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Since 1786, all the district administration offices have been issued a circular for various organizations and individuals to organize religious conferences and training programs in the name of religious preaching and conversion, and orders have been issued to punish those who do such activities. In addition, the entire Nepali Christian community in the country and abroad has received serious attention.

The Constitution of Nepal 2072 has adopted the multi-ethnic, multilingual, multi-religious, multi-cultural and geographically diverse characteristics of our country Nepal and has also institutionalized secularism and under Article 26 of Article 1 of the Fundamental Rights, every person who has faith in religion has the right to adopt and practice religion according to his/her faith.

In the case of ensuring the freedom to protect, targeting a particular religious community will violate the Constitution of Nepal 2072 as well as international law (Article 18 of the UDHR 1948 and Article 18 of the ICCPR). We deeply regret being involved in such activities.

Therefore, to ensure the rights given by the Constitution of Nepal 2072 and to ensure that the state does not spread this kind of terror just because a particular religious community practices according to its religion, on behalf of the Nepali Christian community, the Nepal National Congregation and the Nepal Christian Society jointly appeal to the Government of Nepal. We request, and we also appeal to the Government of Nepal to immediately cancel the circular issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to all district administration offices and guarantee the rights given by the Constitution of Nepal 2072.

Also, expecting the solidarity of all the human rights organizations, diplomatic missions, journalists, inter-religious organizations in the country and abroad, the Nepali-speaking Christian congregation and brothers and sisters should not be discouraged in any way and remain accustomed to the rights under the fundamental rights given by the Constitution of Nepal and we sincerely appeal to you to continue your regular religious activities with prayers.

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